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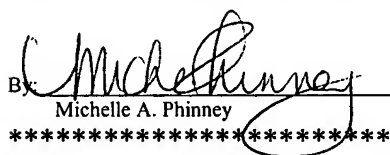
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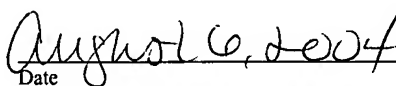
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- a. X Except as may be indicated below in (b), **all of the patents, publications or other information are in the English language** or were cited in an English language Search Report, a copy of which is attached hereto **(concise explanation not required)**.
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or

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- c. _____ Some of the items of information were cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office. As to this information, the undersigned certifies that each item of information contained in the IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS. As to the remaining information, the undersigned hereby certifies that no item of this remaining information contained in the IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the best of my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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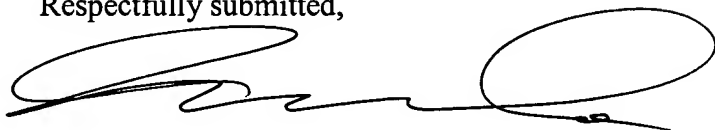
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- b. X Enclosed herewith is form PTO-1449.
- c. _____ Some of the listed references were cited in the enclosed International Search Report in a counterpart foreign application.

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